

REMARKS

Claims 4 and 7 have been canceled.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the previously identified as allowable subject matter of claim 4. Independent claim 6 has been amended to include the previously identified as allowable subject matter of claim 7. The application now includes claims 1-3, 5, 6, and 8.

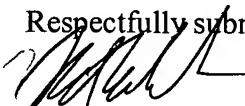
In the office action, claims 4 and 7 were identified as being drawn to allowable subject matter. By this amendment, the base independent claims 1 and 6 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 4 and 7. In view of this, each of claims 1-3, 5, 6, and 8 should now be allowable, and all prior rejections lodged in the case should now be moot.

Reconsideration of the application and issuance of a notice of allowance at an early date is requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,



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